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1989 DUES Don't forget to send in your 1989 C.A.T.C. dues (\$3.00) to Elaine Willihan, 516 W. 79th Street, Los Angeles, CA. 90044. Our dues have not been increased even though the postage rate has risen. This is still the best bargain around. You get six bi-monthly issues of Token Topics and free buy, sell or trade ads for all members. So come on and lets get those dues payments and free ads mailed in now while you are thinking about it. Any news items or short articles from members are always welcome.

JANUARY MEETING Our January meeting will be held on Saturday Jan. 21, 1989 from 1:00 to 5:00 PM in the Mercury Room of Mercury Savings and Loan at 22939 Hawthorne Blvd. in Torrance. To get to Mercury Savings, members going south or coming north should exit the San Diego Freeway (405) at Crenshaw Blvd. and proceed south to Sepulveda Blvd. Turn right (West) on Sepulveda and go about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile to Hawthorne Blvd. Turn left (South) on Hawthorne about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile to Mercury Savings. There is plenty of parking along the north side and also at the rear of the Bldg. For the entire year the California Association Of Token Collectors will meet on the third Saturdays of odd numbered months and The Amusement Token Collectors Association will meet on the third Saturday of even numbered months. Many thanks to Ken Smith for arranging this great meeting room for us. There has been lots of publicity put out for this meeting so it should be well attended. A nice write-up was in the Los Angeles Times on Thur. Dec. 29th and another will appear in the 54 hour section just before the meeting. Lots of good material will be on display to buy, sell or trade and of course we will have our great auction. More items are still needed to be donated or consigned so lets all pitch in and make this the best auction yet. Remember this is your club so please help support it.

NOVEMBER MEETING REPORT Elaine Willahan graciously donated the use of her home for the final meeting of 1988. To those of you who did not attend, you missed an opportunity to visit a fabulous museum of Antiques and Collectables. Every room is covered from floor to ceiling with treasures and several bookcases and showcases. What a delight it is to visit there. Eleven members were present; Steve Alpert, John Barnes, Dick Bestard, Bob & Harriet Carter, Ken Dingman, Bob Kubak, Fred McGinnis, Wally Shidler, Ken Smith and Elaine Willahan. Also guests Bob Goodyear and Judy McGinnis. There was a small auction which netted \$10.10 to the club treasury. Several members brought material to sell or trade and a good time was had by all. Many thanks to Harriet Carter and Judy McGinnis for providing the delicious cakes and refreshments.

As many of you already know Steve Alpert did not want to run for the office of President this year. He has been our most able leader for the past eleven or twelve years and hd requested a couple years relief from this position. So it was decided that the officers for 1989 would be as follows; Fred McGinnis- President and Editor, Steve Alpert - Vice-President, Elaine Willahan - Secretary, John Barnes - Treasurer and

Auctioneer. A new office of Publicity Director was created and will be jointly shared by Ken Smith and Steve Alpert. They will be responsible for releasing press notices to magazines and newspapers of meetings, events and activities.

NEWS According to reports there are plans to rebuild the famed
& Long Beach Pike Amusement Park. The new park would be built
NOTES by Walt Disney Corporation on 53 acres of land adjacent to
 the Queen Mary and Spruce Goose complex which are now both
owned by Disney. It will be a family styled attraction modeled some-
what after the beautiful Tivoli Gardens in Copenhagen, Denmark. Both
old style rides and new modern rides would be blended together creating
a pleasing atmosphere. Lets hope that these plans become a reality and
maybe once again we will have a great source for tokens and tickets.

In upcoming issues we will have an article on West Coast Carousels.
These Merry-go-rounds are always a great source to search for tokens,
wooden nickles and tickets. Also articles giving a little history of
California Amusement Parks

Unfortunatlly I am not the Literary Editor that you have been able
to enjoy in the past but I will give it my best shot. A lot of mistakes
will be made but at least it will give everyone something to look for.

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1989 DUES

The 1989 dues payments are coming in very slowly. As of the last meeting only 29 people had submitted their dues. If a star appears before your name on the envelope it means that this is the last newsletter you will receive until your dues are paid. If you have submitted your dues since the last meeting, then disregard this notice. Your payment will be recorded at the next meeting. So if you forgot to mail it then do so now and don't miss the next issue.

MARCH MEETING

Our March meeting will be held on Saturday Mar. 18, 1989 from 1:00 until 5:00 PM in the Mercury room of Mercury Savings and Loan at 22939 Hawthorne Blvd. in Torrance. To get to Mercury Savings, members going north or south should exit the San Diego Freeway (405) at Crenshaw Blvd. and proceed south to Sepulveda Blvd. and turn right (west) for one mile to Hawthorne Blvd. Turn left and proceed $\frac{1}{4}$ mile to Mercury Savings. Be sure not to miss this meeting as Steve Alpert will be bringing Thousands of great tokens to sell. There will be a LOT of great transportation tokens in this batch so all you trans collectors won't want to miss this. There will also be an auction with numerous goodies in it and more items will be needed for donation or consignment. So come on and clean out those drawers and bring some more items. Don't forget our sister club, Amusement Token Collectors will be meeting at the same location on Saturday April 15, 1989.

JANUARY MEETING REPORT

The first meeting of the new year had Eight members in attendance; Steve Alpert, John Barnes, Dick Bestard, Bob and Harriett Carter, Fred Mc Ginnis, Ken Smith and Elaine Willahan. A new member was also there and we would like at this time to extend a warm welcome to Michael Bershad 1301 No. Havenhurst Dr. Apt. 219, West Hollywood Ca. 90046. Michael collected several years ago and dropped out of it but has decided to get back into the groove of things. Right now he is trying to decide what catagorie and area to specialize in. Many people came to the meeting in response to an article that had appeared in the Los Angeles Times newspaper. Some had come to inquire about membership and others to buy or sell tokens and political pinbacks. So there was plenty of activity going on and many of you out there missed out on a good time. Unfortunately there wasn't an auction as everyone had forgotten to bring anything.

This month we have included a very fine article that was written and sent in by member Don Bestle of Burbank, California. Most of the membership are avid collectors of Gaming Tokens & Casino Chips so I know all the members will most enjoy this. Many thanks to Don and don't forget articles are always welcome from members. The West Coast Merry-Go-Round story is being worked on and hopefully will be in the next issue. Also planned is a history of the Long Beach Pike Amusement Park. So get those dues payments in and don't miss a single exciting issue.

FREE
MEMBER
ADS

There was a very good response to my call for more member ads as you can see by this issue. Remember each member is entitled to one free several line ad in each issue. So keep up the work and get those free ads mailed in by the first of each odd numbered month. For 1989 send all ads and articles to; Fred Mc Ginnis P.O.BOX 45855 Los Angeles, C.A. 90045

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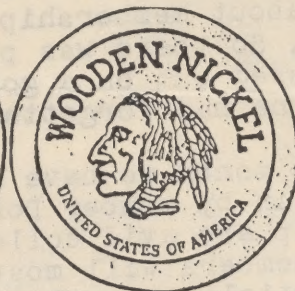
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Gaming tokens & chips have come to be a real hobby for collectors .
Casino chips have been around for hundreds of years, but it was not till 1965 that gaming tokens for slot machines came into play. When the cartwheels or silver dollars in 1964 started selling at a premium, this left the Nevada casinos in a bad spot. Every time more silver dollars were brought out of their safes & put into play, they would fast disappear. At last , thru the Nevada Gaming Commission, State of Nevada & the U.S. Treasury Dept. casinos were allowed to issue their own private dollar, five dollar, & fifty cent tokens. The law was passed in Aug. 1965. The gaming industry is very important to the State of Nevada, it is a major employer, tax for the State, & of course a big tourist draw. Franklin mint made the first tokens in 1965, with the first casino being Harrah's at Reno & Lake Tahoe.

By the end of 1965 there were 27 casinos using the tokens by Franklin Mint, & 12 other casinos using tokens from other mints, like Michigan Tool. There were some tokens in copper & others silver clad, also used special medals & sterling silver. Tokens at six of the casinos in 1965 were undated - Harrah's, Desert Inn, Stardust, Sands, Tropicana & Reno's Horseshoe Club. By 1966 there 72 different dollar gaming tokens for 64 casinos in Nevada & eight gaming tokens for Foreign casinos. In the 1965 Franklin mint set, there were 27 tokens they were made of Franklinium 2 cupro-nickel columbium alloy, developed by the mint, the brass tokens were of Franklin nickel/brass. (There were Proof & Proof-Like).

The 1966 set were of the same material Proof & Proof-Like, with a total of 72 tokens. In 1967 same metal used, except the big \$5.00 tokens, they were in solid sterling silver, & there are 36 of the \$5.00 tokens, 3 two dollar tokens, 24 of \$1.00 tokens, & 32 of the 50¢ tokens, with 95 in the complete set. But there is one more \$5.00 silver token for Harold's Club in Reno, that say's Reno on the back of it. The one in the set is an error as it say's Harold's Club - Las Vegas. There are Proof & Proof-Like sets. And the 1968 set is of the same meterial, also Proof & Proof-Like sets, with 48 tokens to a set. And again the same medal used in the 1969 Proof & Proof-Like sets & 24 tokens to that set. Then 1970 to date, thousands of different tokens made for all the casinos, by about ten different mints.

Also in 1967 the silver shortage claimed another victim, the \$5.00 gaming token made of sterling silver. Now most all casinos use \$5.00 tokens made of medal, also one has a \$10.00 token, & lots of them have the .999 fine silver \$25.00 tokens, some too have \$100.00

tokens in .999 fine silver & others use some 24K gold on the silver. It has been heard that soon there may be a \$500.00 or \$1,000.00 tokens made & put into play. The first slot machine was invented on Market St. in San Francisco, Calif. in 1896, same year as the earthquake there, by Charles Fey, who devised the 3 reel Liberty Bell. There were also 5¢ brass tokens with a hole in the center, like a washer & had the name of Chas Fey & Son stamped on them, others with the vendors name. Also some slots paid out in gum, candy, mints & tokens for cigarette's. Speaking of first's, The Nothern Club where the Coin Castle now stands in Las Vegas, was where the first legalized casino gambling in the United States & it's license was number # 1. The El Rancho Vegas was the first on the Vegas strip 1941 till 1960.

In 1978 the Resorts International Casino opened as the first in Atlantic City, & tokens also used in slot machines on planes by Singapore Airlines in flights between Los Angles & Singapore. We can't leave out all the Cruise Ships, with their casinos & the use of lots of tokens & chips. Then too Horse Tracks & Dog Tracks used tokens.

Back on Aug. 2, 1966 for \$25,000.00 Don Laughlin opened first Casino/Motel on the Colo. river, & now called Laughlin, Nevada, he turned it into a multi-million dollar empire.

Lots of casinos there now & more getting into the act. Also metal peices were being produced by private mints in Europe in the 14th to 19th centuries, as tokens & game counters. Perhaps at another time we can get into Chips, there are many kinds of those such as - Bone, Ivory, Mother of Pearl, Composition, Clay, Celluloid, Paper, Rubber, Wood, Plastic, also Porcelain Counters. We have put out a new ¹⁹⁸⁹⁻⁹³ page catalog listing Casino Chips & Slot Tokens & other Casino Collectables for sale for only \$2.00. We also buy collections or peices, & are always ready to try & answer any questions you may have on this hobby !!!

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DUES NOTICE Please do not send more than one years dues at a time. This fouls up our bookkeeping and besides we may have to increase the dues in the next year or two. We are trying to keep dues as low as possibly but with the rate postage, printing and paper is going up we may be forced to raise it another dollar. Also several members have sent in odd ball amounts such as \$5.00 and \$10.00. Currently dues are \$3.00 and must be sent to our secretary Elaine Willahan at 516 W. 99th St. Los Angeles, Ca. 90044.

MAY MEETING Our May meeting will be held on Saturday May 20, 1989 from 1:00 until 5:00 PM in the Mercury Room of Mercury Savings and Loan located at 22939 Hawthorne Blvd. in Torrance. To get to Mercury Savings, members going north or coming south should exit the San Diego Freeway (405) at Crenshaw Blvd. and proceed south to Sepulveda blvd. Turn right (west) on Sepulveda and go about one mile to Hawthorne Blvd. Turn Left (south) on Hawthorne and go about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile to Mercury Savings and turn right into the parking lot. There is plenty of parking along the north side of the building and also in the rear. Steve Alpert and other people will be bringing lots of tokens and collectables to sell and there will also be another of our great auctions where you can get some good buys. also more items will be needed so start cleaning out those closets now and bring some more goodies for the auction. Also don't forget our sister club, The Amusement Token Collectors will be meeting at tis same location on Sat. June 17th

MARCH MEETING REPORT To those of you who did not attend you missed a really great meeting. there was a fantastic auction held with many surprise items which went for very low prices. Tere were 33 lots in all with 18 of them beig consignments and 15 were donations from Elaine Willahan and Robert Ritterband. A 1924 Detroit Trolley badge sold for only \$1.00 and a real nice collection of foreign transportation tokens went for a mere \$15.00. There was a first edition of the book "A Ticket to The Circus that went for only \$5.00. So you people who don't attend the meetings are missing some great buys. There were twelve members in attendance; Steve Alpert, John Barnes, Dick Bestard, Bob and Harriet Carter, Ken Dingman, Chuck Loy, Fred Mc Ginnis, Robert Ritterband, Wally Shidler, Ken Smith and of course Elaine Willahan. We would like to extend a warm welcome to Chuck Loy our newest member who resides at 6021 Cherry Ave. Long Beach Calif. 90805. Welcome aboard Chuck.

This month we have included The Carousel Story with the newsletter. Many members collect the very elusive Merry-Go-Round tokens such as the ones listed in the Atwood-Coffee catalog of Transportation Tokens. Also many collect Wooden Nickels, Tickets, Pinbacks, Postcards, and Posters. Many Carousels today have these items and some even have their own Gift Shops filled with collectables. You will find Gift Shops at Long Beach, Santa Monica, Santa Cruz, and Portland Carousel Museum at the Willamette Center. There is also the American Carousel Museum located

at 655 Beach St. San Francisco, Ca. If you would like information on Carousel locations in your state please send a S.A.S.E. to Fred McGinnis P.O.Box 45855 Los Angeles, Ca. 90045-0855.

Free Don't forget to get those free ads to me by the first of each
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ads one free several line ad each newsletter so get them sent in.

Interested in any KKK medals, tokens or pinbacks that I don't have in my collection. Jim Garner 8157 White Oak Ave. Reseda, Ca. 91335.

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Doug Fairbanks, Sr. 5937 Beadle Dr. Jamesville, New York 13078.

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BICKLETON: Cleveland Fairgrounds, Bickleton Road
1900 Herschell/Spillman, 2 Row Horses
SPOKANE: Riverfront Park, 507 No. Howard St.
1909 Loeff, 3 Row Menagerie, Brass Ring.
ASHFORD: Moore Village, Rte. 706 To Mt. Rainer Park.
1975 Moore/Parker, 2 Row Menagerie.
PUYALLUP: Western Washington Fairgrounds, Rte. 410
1917 PTC. #43, 3 Row Horses.
FEDERAL WAY: Enchanted Village, I-5 At Federal Way
1906 C.W.Parker, 3 Row Horses.
Modern Chance/Herschell, 3 Row Horses
SEATTLE: Fun Forest, Seattle Center, Broad St.
1968 Chance Mfg. Co., 3 Row Horses
LONG BEACH: Double R Amusement Park, Hwy 103.
1928 Allan Herschell, 3 Row, Horses

THE CAROUSEL STORY

Children and Adults have always held a fascination for the beautifully carved glittering, whirling devices known as Merry-Go-Rounds or Carousels. It is probably the most popular ride at Amusement Parks, Resorts and traveling Carnivals all across America. Carousels were not invented in this country though. Earliest mention of rides similar to Carousels have been found about 500 A.D. and a pictured one appears in a 1500 year old Byzantine Bas Relief. While the actual origin of the Carousel is unknown the word is derived from Spanish and Italian words GAROSELLO or CAROSELLA meaning little war. The word describes a game played in the twelfth century in which horsemen attempted to spear little clay balls filled with scented oils. In seventeenth century France the game was changed to spearing gold rings while riding. In 1680 the French made mechanical Carousels in which wooden horses and chairs hung on chains from arms radiating around a center pole. A man or horse supplied the motive power while riders attempted to spear the gold ring. On many Carousels today riders still compete to catch the coveted gold ring and win a free ride. One of these early devices may be found operating in the petting farm section at Knott's Berry Farm. Five different mules are used to supply the power and each mule is only used two hours at a time.

In 1858 England a machinist named Frederick Savage was credited with inventing the modern steam powered Carousel. He adapted the steam engine to machinery that through a series of wheels and gears rotated the Carousel platform. The rotating frame was increased in size ranging from 36 to 48' in diameter and led to the three and four abreast machines. Savage also invented the overhead cranking device that gave an up and down or jumping motion to the horses and is found on Carousels today. These early machines were known as Round-A-Bouts, Steam Circus, Flying Horses, Spinning Jinny or Steam Riding Gallerys. Elaborately carved horses and menagerie animals were added and even the rounding boards which formed the upper outer rim were richly decorated. Soon many other builders of Round-A-Bouts began to appear such as White Bros., Orton and Spooner, Lakin and Co., Maxwell and Anderson. Also other builders in Germany, France, Italy and Scandinavia began building and touring the countryside with their wonderful riding galleries.

Carousels began appearing in America in the early 1800's and the first was probably exhibited by P. Paquet. In Aug. 1825 in Manhattan, New York a permit was issued to John Sears to operate a Flying Horse Establishment. One of the first amusement parks was Vauxhall Gardens located in Manhattan in 1845 complete with its own Carousel. Soon after another one was built nearby called Jones Wood with several amusement devices including a Carousel. These early Carousels were imported from Europe and were powered by horses or mules. American built Carousels always revolved counter clockwise while the European ones turned clockwise. Carousels were generally considered to be permanent park or resort models and Merry-Go-Rounds were portable traveling units.

The first American Carousels were built by Gustav A. Dentzel an immigrant from Kreuznach, Germany. Dentzel had come from a Carousel building family and in 1860 at the age of twenty opened a cabinet shop in Philadelphia. In 1867 he changed his shop sign to read "G.A. DENTZEL

STEAM AND HORSEPOWER CAROUSEL BUILDER." The first Carousels he built had chairs suspended from chains and in 1870 he built his first one with hand carved horses mounted on a revolving platform. He took this Carousel on tour through Philadelphia, Atlantic City and Richmond, Virginia. The tour was so successful that he soon began building more and placing them in various locations along the east coast. Business grew so quickly that Dentzel was forced to move his shop to much larger quarters. At the new three story building in Germantown, Philadelphia he started building much larger three and four abreast machines costing up to \$20,000 each. These new larger machines were now finely carved, lavishly decorated and sold to seaside resorts and amusement parks. Dentzel also operated his own Carousels at Willow Grove Park, Atlantic City and several other locations. Gustav Dentzel died in Jan. 1909 and was run by his son William H. Dentzel. In 1928 Bill died and soon afterward the company was sold by auction.

Charles Dare organized the second major company in 1875 called the New York Carousel Manufacturing Company. These Carousels were built in Brooklyn until about 1900 when the company ceased operation because of heavy competition.

The third major builder was Charles Looff who in 1876 carved and installed the first Carousel at Coney Island, New York. Charles I.D. Looff came to America from Schleswig-Holstein in Aug. 1870. Looff began work as a wood carver at a furniture factory in Brooklyn and spent his spare time carving Carousel horses. He soon afterward built his own machine and was so successful with it that he opened his own Brooklyn factory in 1890. He built a second machine and placed it in Feldmans Coney Island Beer Garden and a third machine was placed on Young's Pier at Atlantic City, New Jersey. (now you know the origin of those tokens listed in the trans. catalog). Looff did most of the carving himself and these examples are highly sought after by collectors. In 1892 Looff built his first ferris wheel and installed this at Rocky Point Park, Rhode Island. By 1895 Looff was building huge machines and his Carousel at Crescent Park, Rhode Island featured sixty horses and four chariots. This machine is still there and is being operated by his grandson Art Simmons.

During Aug. 1910 Looff moved his factory to Ocean Park, California and soon after that moved permanently to Long Beach, Cal. His factory was located in a large building on West Sixth St. in the harbor district. Looff also invested \$150.00 in property along the Long Beach Pike Amusement Park and erected a two story Hippodrome building. The upstairs contained an apartment for Looff and his family while on the ground floor he operated his own Carousel. Looff continued to build Carousels and built his own Hippodromes along the west coast until his death on July 1st, 1918. His widow continued to operate the Carousel on the Pike and at other So. Calif. parks until the 1930's. The Carousel was then removed on the Pike and the building was converted to house an amusement game which still operates there today. The other Carousels were sold off.

The fourth great builder of Carousels was Allan Herschell who originated the Tonawanda Merry-Go-Round. In 1872 Herschell along with

James Armitage opened a factory at Tonawanda, New York. The Armitage Herschell Company manufactured boilers, agricultural and mill machinery. Herschell built his first Steam Riding Gallery in 1883 and took it on tour for a trial run. Having been successful he sold the machine and built a second one in 1884 which he also sold. In 1885 a third machine was built and exhibited at the World Exposition and Cotton Centennial in New Orleans, Louisiana. Over the next fourteen years hundreds of these machines were built and sold around the world. Herschell split with the company in 1899 and formed a new partnership with his brother-in-law Edward Spillman. By 1903 the Herschell Spillman Company bought out the Armitage Herschell Co. and became the largest manufacturer of Carousels in the world. Because of illness Herschell sold out his interest in the company in 1911. In 1915 having recuperated he returned with his own Allan Herschell Company and operated it until his retirement in 1927. Herschell was succeeded by James Mc Kensie who then ran the company and in 1945 he bought out the Spillman Engineering Company. The Allan Herschell Company made only smaller portable Merry-Go-Rounds and from 1930 on only made ones with aluminum horses. They also manufactured numerous other kiddy rides which can be found in parks and carnivals all over.

Charles Wallace Parker began as a builder and exhibitor of shooting galleries. Parker had purchased a used Carousel which he also toured and kept making improvements on. In 1892 Parker was convinced he could build a better Carousel and proceeded to build one at his shooting gallery factory in Abilene, Kansas. In 1893 he enlarged his factory and formed the Parker Carnival Supply Company. The company continued to grow building Carousels, Shooting Galleries, Ferris Wheels, Carnival Wagons, Railroad Cars, Monkey Speedways, Concessions and many other items. Parker also operated his own traveling carnival the C. W. Parker Shows. Needing larger quarters Parker moved in 1911 to Leavenworth, Kansas where he stayed until the depression came along and destroyed the company.

One of the most famous of the Carousel builders was the Philadelphia Toboggan Company or better known as just PTC. The company was formed in 1903 in Germantown, Pennsylvania by Henry Auchy and Chester Allbright. The company hired only the finest artisans and craftsmen from around the world and began building some of the largest and finest machines to be found anywhere. Over the next twenty five years eighty nine of these magnificent park machines were built with many of them still in operation today. One of the largest was a five abreast machine PTC # 17 for Riverview Amusement Park in Chicago, Illinois in 1908. When Riverview closed down in 1967 old #17 was purchased by Six Flags Over Georgia where it now operates in all its majestic glory. Another spectacular machine is #51 which was built in 1928 for Elitch's Gardens in Denver, Colorado where it is still operating at that same park. I had the privilege of riding that machine last summer and it's truly dazzling. In 1934 PTC ceased to build new machines but still continued to rebuild and supply the existing ones. The company's main business was building Roller Coasters and their famous Skee Ball machines which they still do.

William F. Mangels a German immigrant opened a machine shop in Coney Island in 1886. He serviced many of the amusement rides then in operation at many parks and soon began building his own rides. He also

collected models, plans and records of amusement devices and opened a museum at Coney Island in 1927. Later in life Mangels authored a book called "The Outdoor Amusement Industry" which recorded many important facts of the industry. One of Mangels master carvers was Marcus Illions who later went on to build his own Carousels. Mangels did not build many machines after 1925 as most of his business was in building other rides. His Whip ride is still being in both large park models and smaller portable units.

Marcus Illions went to England from his native Poland to work as a carver for Savage's Carousel Works. About 1892 he came to Coney Island and opened a carving shop producing horses, decorative carvings and circus wagons for other companies such as Mangels. Illions began using Mangels shop in 1916 to build his own Carousels. Mangels produced all the metal and mechanical parts while Illions made all the wood parts and carvings. He made six different types of Carousels, Supreme, Superior, Superb, Monarch One, Two and Three. Supreme was the largest being fifty four feet in diameter. Only four of these Supreme models were ever built and one was at the Los Angeles County Fairgrounds until a few years ago. When the old Fun Zone was torn down the machine was sold to a Pasadena, Calif. collector who now has it in storage. Only one other Supreme model is known to have survived the years. Illions had only produced Carousels from 1909 until 1929 but still continued to service them until 1945. During that time M. C. Illions and Sons built 15 park models and six portable ones. Illions four sons Phillip, Rudy, Harry, and Barney continued on as amusement ride owners and operators with two of them coming to the west coast to set up operations. Rudy toured a traveling Carnival here in California during the 1930's and 40's and also owned rides at all the amusement parks from Santa Monica south to San Diego. Rudy's children continued to own and operate rides at Pacific Ocean Park and the Long Beach Pike until the parks demise in 1969 and 1979. Other well known builders of Carousels were Charles Carmel 1905 to 1912 and Sol Stein with Harry Goldstein 1907 to 1918.

The golden age of the Carousel is generally considered to be from 1905 until about 1920. Carousel building had pretty much come to a halt because of the crippling depression. There just wasn't much of a demand for new machines anymore and the once famous company's began closing and their master carvers sought work elsewhere. Many of the Amusement Parks also began closing because of the lack of business and revenue. Those parks that did survive enjoyed a new surge of business during World War 11 as many Americans needed a place to go and temporarily forget their troubles. During the 1950's all that changed again with the war ended and the advent of Television people no longer flocked to the parks. During all that time more than 9,000 Carousels had been built and today less than 300 are known to have survived with only about 190 of those currently in operation. Hundreds had been destroyed by fire and thousands more were dismantled and broken up to be sold for scrap. People began buying up horses, menagerie animals and other carvings to place in their living rooms and dens. Today these beautiful hand carved figures are highly sought after by collectors with prices varying from \$4,000 to as much as \$100,000 for each animal. Carousel are still being broken up and auctioned off although the pace is starting to slow down.

There is more of a movement by conservation groups and historians to protect and preserve these classic examples of americana. Several of these Carousels have been declared National Historical Monuments such as Santa Monica, Santa Cruz and Coney Island. Many new Theme Parks and Shopping Centers have purchased these great rides from individuals and defunct parks to restore and operate. I hope that this trend continues so that future generations may enjoy these beautiful works of American Folk Art.

LISTING OF KNOWN OPERATING WEST COAST CAROUSELS

CALIFORNIA

SAN DIEGO: Balboa Park Zoo, Exposition Park.
 1910 Herschell/Spillman 3 Row Menagerie w/Brass Ring
 Seaport Village, San Diego Harbor
 1885 Mangels/Loeff 3 Row Menagerie
 (originally from Salisbury Beach, Mass.)

ANAHEIM: Disneyland, Harbor Blvd. at I-5
 1905 Dentzel 4 Row Horses (extensively rebuilt)

COSTA MESA: South Coast Plaza, 405 Fwy at Bristol
 1968 Arrow Development Co. 2 Row Horses

BUENA PARK: Knotts Berry Farm Beach Blvd. Near 91 Fwy and I-5
 1902 Dentzel 3 Row Menagerie
 1856 Early American With Swing Seats and Mule Drawn
 (oldest operating merry-go-round in america)

RIVERSIDE: Castle Amusement Park, 91 Fwy at La Sierra Ave.
 1907 Dentzel 3 Row Menagerie
 (originally located at Knott's lagoon area)
 one of the most beautifully restored Dentzel's
 known to exist.

COLTON: Frontierland, near I-10
 Early Allan Herschell Portable, 3 Row Horses

SKY FOREST: Santa's Village, Rim Of The World Drive
 Midway Between Lake Arrowhead And Big Bear
 1920 Allan Herschell, 3 Row Horses

LOS ANGELES: Griffith Park, Griffith Park Dr.
 1926 Spillman, 4 Row Horses

LONG BEACH: Shoreline Village, Shoreline Dr.
 1906 Loeff, 4 Row Menagerie
 (originally from Whitney's playland, San Francisco)

TORRANCE: Old Towne Mall, 191000 Hawthorne Blvd.
 1972 Burtizone (Italian) 2 Story Horses 3 Rows Each

SANTA MONICA: Santa Monica Pier, Colorado Ave. At Ocean Front Walk
 1927 P.T.C. #62 3 Row Horses Nicely Restored

VALENCIA: Six Flags Magic Mountain, I-5 At Magic Mtn. Parkway
 1912 P.T.C. #21, 4 Row Horses
 (originally from Savin Rock, Conn.)

VENTURA: Ventura Shopping Center, At Highway 101
 Date Unknown Thil Mfg. Co. 3 Row Horses

FRESNO: Roeding Park Storyland, Hwy 99 At Belmont Ave.
 1960's Arrow Development Co. 3 Row Horses

MORGAN HILL: Flying Lady Restaurant BUS. HWY 101
 Early Allan Herschell 3 Row Horses

MONTEREY: Cannery Row, Edgewater Packing Co. Bldg., Del Monte Ave.
 1910 Herschell/Spillman 3 Row Horses
 SANTA CRUZ: Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk, Beach Ave.
 1911 Looff, 4 Row, Horses, Brass Ring
 GILROY: Casa De Fruitis, Hwy 152 West Of Town
 Early Allan Herschell, 3 Row Horses
 SAN JOSE: Happy Hollow Park,
 1960's Chance Mfg. Co. 3 Row Horses
 SANTA CLARA: Great America, Hwy 101 At Great America Pkwy.
 1918 P.T.C. #45, 3 Row Horses
 1976 I.A.D. 2 Story Menagerie 3 Rows Ea.
 LOS GATOS: Billy Jones Wildcat Railroad, Oak Meadow Park
 1800's Savage (english) 3 Row Horses (clockwise)
 From Foley And Burke Shows Railroad Carnival
 Also The Home Of The Venice, Calif. Miniature Train
 SAN FRANCISCO: Fleischacker Zoo, Great Highway And Sloat Blvd.
 1921 Dentzel/Illions 3 Row Menagerie
 Golden Gate Park, Kezar Drive, Sharon Playground
 1912 Herschell/Spillman 4 Row Menagerie
 From Lincoln Park, Los angeles
 Pier 39 Fishermans Wharf, The Embarkadero
 1970's Burtizone (italian) 2 Story 2 Row Ea.
 OAKLAND: Knowland Park,
 Early Allan Herschell 3 Row Horses
 BERKLEY: Tilden Park, Valley Road Next To U.C. Berkley
 1912 Herschell/Spillman 4 Row Menagerie
 HAYWARD: J.F. Kennedy Park,
 Early Allan Herschell, 3 Row Horses
 SACRAMENTO: William Land Park, Freeport Blvd. At 14th Ave.
 Early Allan Herschell, 3 Row Horses
 LODI: Micke Grove Park, Highway 99
 Early Allan Herschell, 3 Row Horses
 STOCKTON: Pixiewoods Park
 1920 Allan Herschell 3 Row Horses

OREGON

EUGENE: Pietro's Gold Coast Pizza Parlor, Off I-5
 C.W. Parker Portable 3 Row Metal Horses
 SEASIDE: Town Center Building, Broadway $\frac{1}{2}$ Block From Beach
 1926 Allan Herschell 2 Row Horses
 CLACKAMAS: Clackamas Town Center Mall, I-205 At Sunnyside Exit
 1907 P.T.C. #15, 4 Row Horses
 From Dandelion Park, Muskego, Wisc.
 PORTLAND: Burger King Resturant, Barbur Blvd. And Terwilliger
 1900 Spooner English Round-a-bout 3 Row Menagerie
 Oaks Amusement Park, Willamette River And S.E. Tacoma St.
 1907 Herschell/Spillman, 3 Row Menagerie
 Willamette Center, S.W. 1st And Taylor St.
 1905 Looff, 3 Row Menagerie
 From Pacific Ocean Park, Calif.
 Also Home Of The Portland Carousel Museum
 Washington Park Zoo, S.W. Canyon Rd. And Hwy. 28
 1914 Mangels/Illions, 3 Row Horses, Portable
 Jantzen Beach Mall, I-5 At Hayden Island Exit
 1921 C.W. Parker, 4 Row Horses
 Located on Former Site Of Jantzen Amusement Park

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FRED MC GINNIS
EDITOR

JULY MEETING Our July meeting will be held on Saturday July 15, 1989 from 1:00 until 5:00 PM in the Mercury Room of Mercury Savings and Loan at 22939 Hawthorne Blvd. in Torrance. To get to Mercury Savings, members going south or coming north should exit the San Diego Freeway (405) at Crenshaw Blvd. and proceed south to Sepulveda Blvd. Turn right (West) on Sepulveda and go about one mile to Hawthorne Blvd. Turn left (South) on Hawthorne and go about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile to Mercury Savings and turn right into the parking lot. There is plenty of parking along the north side of the building and also in the rear. There will be lots of good tokens to buy, sell or trade. Hopefully we will have an auction but items are desperately needed for it. So lets see if everyone can bring something to auction off. And don't forget our sister club will be meeting at this same location on Sat. Aug 19.

MAY MEETING REPORT The May meeting had eight members in attendance; Steve Alpert, John Barnes, Dick Bestard, Ken Dingman, Fred McGinnis, Wally Shidler, Ken Smith and Elaine Willahan. A lively auction was conducted by our master auctioneer John Barnes. There were six lots placed up for bid with three donated lots from Ken Smith and Dick Bestard. Total commission to the club was \$2.00. A real nice book about coin operated vending machines sold for only \$2.25 and a nice small wood coin cabinet with two drawers and four tubes of old wheat pennies brought only \$4.00. So you people who don't show up for the meetings are missing some great bargains. We would like very much for many of you other members to attend the meetings and share in the fun and show us some of your collecting interests.

NEWS FLASH Jonathon's Coin Shop in Inglewood will be closing his doors for the last time on Sat July 8, 1989. During Jonathon's legal problems of a few years ago the building and property were ordered sold by the courts to pay for some of debts incurred by him. Jonathon had been leasing the building from the new owner for the past four years. The business was purchased by California Numismatics Inc. of Redondo Beach and they have now taken possession of the property. The building will be completely remodeled and will reopen later this year. The parking lot will be expanded and a seminar/auction room will be added to the upstairs. Many of us spent many enjoyable hours going through his extensive token and junk bins. John Barnes used to be a regular there and had found many of his rare treasures there. Also don't forget the 29th annual All Day Collectable Show that is put on by the California Exonumist Society. This will be held on Sun.

July 16, 1989 at Griswolds Inn, California Room, 1500 S. Raymond Ave., at the 91 Freeway. The admission is free and there will be about 25 Dealers there with tons of tokens for sale.

FREE MEMBER ADS Not to many free ads have been coming in and its a shame as each member is allowed to place one free several line ad each issue. this is a good place to Advertise to find that elusive item that you have looked for or just to sell off many of those duplicates you have just laying around gathering dust. Rember to get your ads in to me by the first of each odd numbered month.

7th ANNUAL NAT. ATCO TOKEN & MEDAL SHOW. Ramada Inn Airport, Omama, NE. Sept. 2-3, 1989, Sat. 10-7 & Sun. 9-5. Charles Kirkley Auction Sat. 8pm

Frontier Town Montana, (near Helena) 25/10/5. Trade the 3 Alum. pieces for \$1.00 plus s.a.s.e.. Julies Massage Studio Bear Springs Nevada (fantasy) good for \$1.00 next massage. \$1.00 plus s.a.s.e.. B/P/O/E Elks Lodge #1832 Pasadena, Texas, blue plastic \$5.00 token, best offer over \$3.00. A few of last months offers still available. PKS Contractors real nice unc \$ sized.

John G. Nicolosi, 2565 Portola Dr., Space 43, Santa Cruz, Ca. 95062

LAFAYETTE SALOON. 320 K. St. brass 5¢ token Sacramento, California, Three different varieties only \$7.86 prepaid. Two lots only \$14.86. Williges is celebrating ¼ century exclusive exonomic sales. Free lists. Williges, Box 1245, Wheatland, California. 95692

I'm interested in any K K K medals, tokens or pinbacks that I don't have in my collection.

Jim Garner, 8157 White Oak Ave. Reseda, Ca. 91335

WANTED: Old pool table reverse tokens from California.
Daniel Manasselian, P.O. Box 8342, Fresno, Ca. 93747

CASINO COLLECTABLES SWAP MEET, Buy-Sell-Trade Sat. Oct. 21, 1989, 9 to 4 Bellflower, Ca. Masonic Hall, 9813 Beach 1 Block No. 91 Fwy Bellflower Blvd. Exit

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Stephen P. Alpert
Editor

NOTICE: Our editor and President Fred McGinnis is in the process of moving to Oregon; so for the remainder of 1989, I will be acting President and editor of Token Topics. Send all free ads and correspondence to: Steve Alpert, P.O. Box 66331, Los Angeles, CA 90066.

SEPTEMBER MEETING:

Our September meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 16, from 1 to 5 PM in the Mercury Room of Mercury Savings & Loan, 22939 Hawthorne Blvd., in Torrance. Exit the San Diego Freeway at Hawthorne, and go south about 4½ miles. Lets try for a good attendance of members this month. Last month a notice of our meeting was listed in the Los Angeles Times; 7 people responded (6 in person), and 5 of them expressed interest in attending this month's meeting. So bring along all your trading material and tokens and medals for sale. We will have a club auction if enough material and bidders are on hand. The new people who came to the August meeting had interest in these categories: dog license tags, aviation medals & tokens, sewing-related tokens, and transportation. So if you have anything in these areas, bring them to the Sept. meeting. Late flash: we got a nice writeup in Don Alpert's "Your Coins" column in the Sept. 7 Los Angeles Times; it mentioned our Sept. 16 meeting, so we should have a big turnout.

There will be a special attraction at our Sept. meeting: the popular slide show (with narration on tape) on HOBO NICKELS by Bill Fivaz, on loan to us for this meeting. Hobo nickels are buffalo nickels with the Indian head retooled into the head of a hobo or other figure. Hobo nickels are so named because most were made by hobos from 1913 to the 1950s, and because the head was most often changed to look like a hobo, with a beard and derby. Hobo nickels were also made by prison inmates, merchants, and jewelers.

Hobos were a rather prestigious group - they were generally intelligent, energetic, artistic migratory workers. Down the social scale were tramps (migratory non-workers who lived off their wits), bums (unskilled non-migratory non-workers or beggars), and yeggs (hardcore criminals). Only the hobos had the skill and patience to carve nickels, which they sold or exchanged for food and lodging.

Bill Fivaz's slide show contains 93 slides and runs 35 minutes. I just previewed it and enjoyed it greatly (I collect hobo nickels). Most of the show chronicles the works of "Bo", the best documented carver of hobo nickels, and his teacher Bert. But beautiful hobo nickels of other carvers are illustrated also. It is a fascinating form of folk art. The slide show will begin about 3:30; the rest of the meeting will be an informal gathering, with maybe a short auction.

JULY MEETING REPORT

Our meeting back in July was poorly attended, with only 5 members present: Steve Alpert, John Barnes, Dick Bestard, Ken Smith, and Elaine Willahan. Considering the small turnout, there was a lot of material changing hands, and the usual token-related discussions. There was no auction (all the more reason for you to bring something for the Sept. auction; the club gets 10% commission of the selling price).

\$50 PALM SPRINGS TOKEN

Reproduced on the next page is a newspaper ad from early 1988 illustrating a \$50 shopping token issued by Maxim's hotel in Palm Springs, good at a shopping mall or their restaurants. It is unlikely that such a token will end up in the hands of collectors of California tokens. Most likely, every token given out was redeemed, and they are all probably sitting in the hotel's safe, in case they decide to run the same promotion again. Similar high value gift certificate tokens are also just as difficult to obtain. The collector's

best hope is that when the issuer eventually goes out of business, someone takes the tokens home as a souvenir or to give to the children to play with. Then they may eventually find their way into the hands of collectors.

FREE MEMBER ADS:

Elongated Coin Fixed-Price Catalog (weighs over one pound). Some Wood-F.D.C.'s-P.N.C.'s-Misc. \$8.00 p.p. Write. "Doug." Fairbanks, Sr., 5937 Beadle Drive, Jamesville, NY 13078

FOR SALE: 100 different old slot and pinball amusement tokens, circa 1900-1945, only \$12.50 postpaid. Catalog book \$11.00 postpaid. Steve Alpert, Box 66331, Los Angeles, CA 90066

Sons of the Beach, Crescent City, Calif. Kappen #21. \$5.86 prepaid. 2 for \$10.86. Free lists. Celebrating over quarter century exclusive exonomic sales. Williges, Box 1245, Wheatland, CA 95692

Casino Chips, Gaming Tokens, Cards, Dice, Matches and Collectables. Casinos of Nevada, Atlantic City and International. We sell and buy. New Catalog - 63 pages and free gift, only \$2.00. DEB's, Box 6445, Burbank, CA 91505

(Cal-1000-AD-best offer over \$3) (Pa-1000-Ad-AE-best offer over \$2) (Poughkeepsie seal/Main Mall Dedication 1974 Unc.Alum.30mm,\$1 each). Add post and or ins. Still want and will trade car wash tokens. John Nicolosi, 2565 Portola Dr.#43, Santa Cruz, CA 95062

At the Sept. meeting there will be available free copies of antique & collectible newspapers, magazines, auction catalogues, etc. Plus (for members only), free back issues of this publication, Token Topics.



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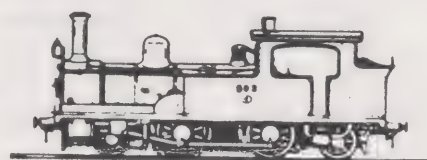
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It is not well known that a steam locomotive is running on a small island in the southern pacific. This SL (steam locomotive) running on the island of Maui in Hawaiian Islands belongs to the "Lahaina-Kaanapli Pacific Railroad" which is known as the railroad having the longer name than the train itself.

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Stephen P. Alpert,
Editor

TIME TO SEND IN YOUR 1990 DUES Please send your \$3.00 CATC dues for 1990 to Steve Alpert, Box 66331, Los Angeles, CA 90066. Make check payable to "Calif. Assn. of Token Collectors." Please don't wait several months; the Jan. 1990 issue will be the last one you receive if your dues haven't been paid. Recently we obtained many new members (see below), so your membership should be even more beneficial in 1990. Mail in your dues now, or pay in person at the November meeting. Note: we have just a small quantity of CATC membership cards left; they will be sent only to members requesting one.

NOVEMBER MEETING: If you can, join us on Saturday, Nov. 18, for our 1 to 5 PM meeting in the Mercury Room of Mercury Savings & Loan, 22939 Hawthorne Blvd in Torrance. Take the Hawthorne exit from the San Diego Freeway, go south about 4½ miles (it's about ½ mile south of Del Amo mall & Sepulveda Blvd.). I will be bringing lots of fresh exonomia. If you'll be attending, bring what you can for trading, selling, or the auction.

NEW MEMBERS We have picked up a record twenty (20) new members in the past two months. Most joined as the result of a notice I ran in my Oct. mail bid auction, where I offered a 1990 CATC membership and a copy of "The Best of Token Topics" book for \$7.00 (the normal price of the book alone). So we almost increased our membership by 50% in one swoop. I hope this gain isn't offset by many current members not renewing for 1990; the same offer mentioned above still applies to members, who when paying 1990 dues, can get a copy of the book for \$4.00 postpaid.

Below is the list of our 20 new members and the state they live in. I hope most of these new members will submit a free ad for the next issue to let us know what they collect or have for sale or trade, or want to buy.

#283 Gary Parigian, CA
#284 Daniel Anderson, IA
#285 J.C. Hoffman, CA
#286 Everett R. Mastrich, CT
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#298 Philip R. Byrnes, NV
#299 Dana Roberts, NY
#300 Joe Earl Hunt, TX
#301 Richard M. Bilek, IL
#302 Alan Hilken, FL

SEPTEMBER MEETING REPORT: Nine members were present at our September meeting: Steve Alpert, John Barnes, Dick Bestard, Jack Boberg, Bob & Harriett Carter, Ken Smith, Elaine Willahan, and new member Gary Parigian. Two notices of our Sept. meeting in the L.A. Times attracted only about 8 to 10 people who dropped by during the meeting (one joined CATC - Gary Parigian, who collects gambling chips). Steve Alpert presented the slide show on Hobo nickels, and it was well received by those in attendance. Jack Boberg brought along several books of poker chips, gaming chips, and tokens that were for sale or trade, and he alerted us to fake scrimshaw on old ivory poker chips, which is appearing on the market. We also had a small auction of donated material (from Elaine Willahan and Dick Bestard), mostly books, which brought in \$23.20 for our treasury.

FRENCH SLOT MACHINE TOKENS: Reproduced here is a 1938 ad from the French publication "Revue de l'Automatique." The ad pictures 17 French slot machine tokens. I'm not sure if Katz of Paris was the token manufacturer, or just a middleman taking orders for tokens. I have hundreds of different small French amusement tokens of this type. Many are pictorial, with all kinds of animals and objects illustrated.

FREE ADS FROM MEMBERS:

(send your ad for the Jan. issue to Steve Alpert, Box 66331, Los Angeles, CA 90066)

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Sharpe Army Depot. Kappen #1. Only \$1.86 pre-paid. Catalogs \$4.50. Free lists. Celebrating over quarter century exclusive exconomics. Williges, Box 1245, Wheatland, CA 95692

WANTED: Iowa trade tokens including rectangular cardboard tokens and plastic food stamp change tokens. Also wanted, Iowa Dunn and Bradstreets. Dan Anderson, 303 Melrose Ct, Iowa City, Iowa 52246

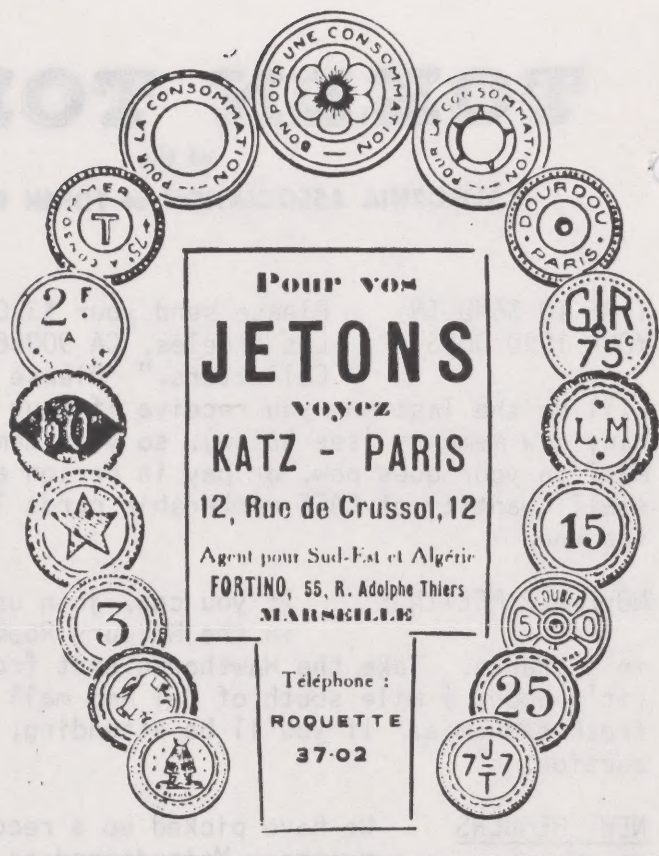
Best offer over \$3, CA1000AD. Best offer over \$2 ea: PA1000-D-E(not AD-AE). For sale Parking token collection approx.1800+ tokens. Will fill want lists of U,S, T,Ts/under \$1.00 - send me your lists of wants. Also same for parking tokens. Still want all Sof Spra car wash tokens, will trade. John Nicolosi, 2565 Portola Dr.#43, Santa Cruz,CA 95062

BREWERY tokens and beer keg, beer case or beer package return tokens wanted by avid collector. Might have traders in your field - or will buy. Mike O'Brien, 2305 Coach & Surrey Lane, Aurora, IL 60506

HOBO NICKELS wanted, especially nice old ones. Paying \$20 to \$50 each. I have some for sale or trade also. Steve Alpert, Box 66331, Los Angeles, CA 90066

CHARLIE CHAPLIN JITNEY TOKEN

The "Charlie Chaplin Jitney (pair of shoes) / (bust of Chaplin) 1915" token has long been considered a possible transportation token. But I have uncovered some information which indicates it may not be transit-related. In a dictionary of American Slang, one of the definitions of "jitney" or "jit" is a nickel. The dictionary dates the time of usage as early 20th century, which agrees with the date on the token. So this piece may be stating that it is a Charlie Chaplin nickel. The token is nickel-size, and made of white metal like a nickel. The reason for this token is still unknown. It might have been a promotional piece for a Chaplin film; or maybe it was movie money for use in his films.



THE FISH CANNERY TOKENS OF QUATHIASKI COVE, B.C.

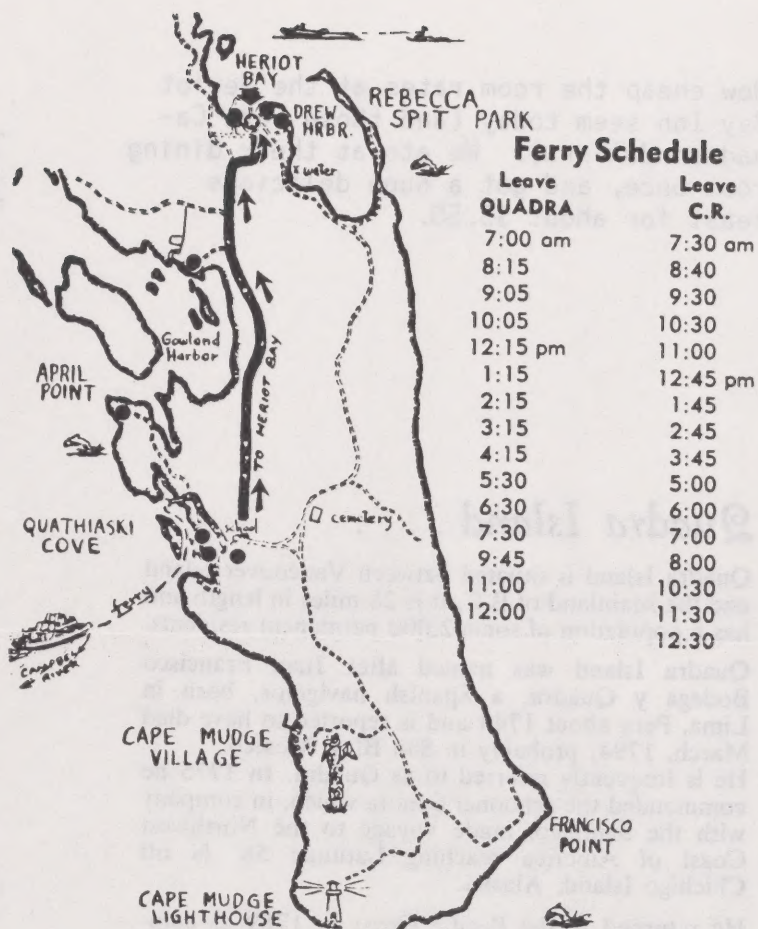
W.E. Anderson of Quathiaski Cove, British Columbia, Canada, issued a set of aluminum tokens in denominations of 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 50 & 100 fish. According to Leslie Hill's 1980 book "British Columbia Numismatica," Quathiaski is from an Indian word meaning "a bay with an island in it." The first cannery here was built in 1904 and burned down in 1909. Anderson rebuilt it in 1912; he sold out in 1938, and most of the buildings burned down in 1941.

Quathiaski Cove is near the southern tip of Quadra Island, a large narrow island between Vancouver Island and mainland British Columbia. Quathiaski Cove is opposite the town of Campbell River on Vancouver Island.

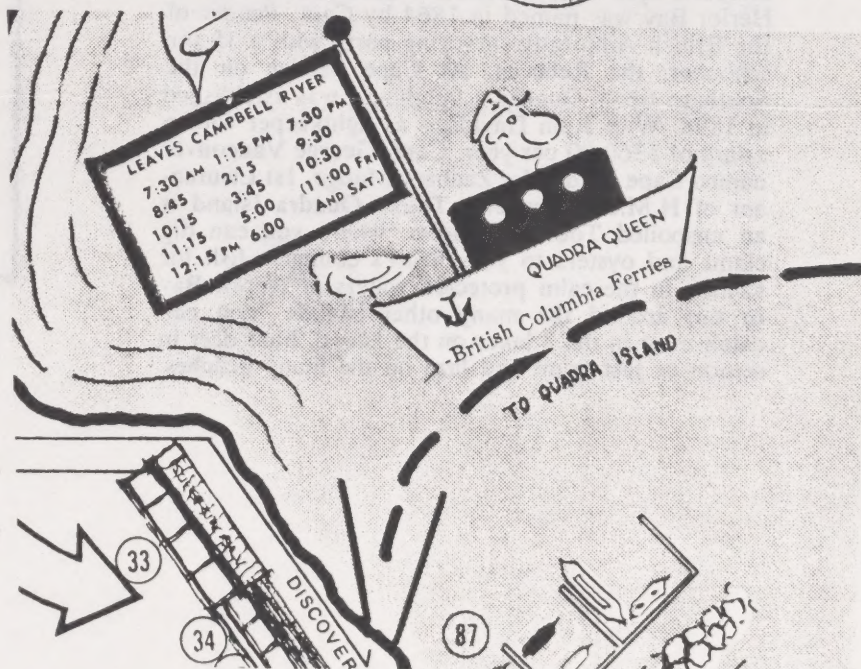
In the summer of 1968, I spent a month and a half in British Columbia, as a geology student participating in a project studying central Vancouver Island. We were based on Quadra Island, renting a house on Cowland Harbor, north of Quathiaski Cove. We took the ferry boat that ran from Campbell River to Quathiaski Cove (a 10 to 20 minute trip) twice daily. The ferry didn't use tokens. But they did use various tickets, and for frequent users like us a little book of tickets. It was a fun trip; occasionally the ferry boat had to go against the tides rushing into the narrows between the islands. The little boat really had to struggle then. And when the water was real choppy due to the tide, the boat at times seemed like it was going to capsize.

I first learned of the cannery tokens when I saw some of them on display at the historical museum in Campbell River. One large cannery building still remained, extending out into the bay on pilings. It was adjacent to the ferry dock at Quathiaski Cove.

Heriot Bay is a little community about 7 miles to the north on Quadra Island. [Continued on page 4.]



Enjoy a 10 minute ferry ride from Campbell River



How cheap the room rates at the Heriot Bay Inn seem today (and those were Canadian dollars). We ate at their dining room once, and got a huge delicious feast for about \$3.50.

Quadra Island

Quadra Island is situated between Vancouver Island and the Mainland of B.C. It is 28 miles in length and has a population of some 2,000 permanent residents.

Quadra Island was named after Juan Francisco Bodega y Quadra, a Spanish navigator, born in Lima, Peru about 1744 and is reported to have died March, 1794, probably in San Blas, Mexico.

He is frequently referred to as Quadra. In 1775 he commanded the schooner Sonora which, in company with the Santiago, made voyage to the Northwest Coast of America reaching Latitude 58° N off Chichigo Island, Alaska.

He returned to the Pacific Coast in 1789 as commandant of the naval base at San Blas. In 1792 he was sent to Nootka Sound on Vancouver Island as Spanish Envoy to meet Captain George Vancouver and to arrange with him for the restoration of British Properties seized by the Spanish in 1789. The two men became firm friends.

Heriot Bay was one of the earliest settlements on the Island although the first settler was William Clark who bought 144 acres on Gowland Harbour on the West Coast across from Campbell River.

Rebecca Spit which forms the Southeast border of Heriot Bay was named in 1864 by Capt. Pender of the British Admiralty surveying party with a 35 ton schooner, the Rebecca. At Cape Mudge on the Southern tip of Quadra a lighthouse was established in 1898. With John Davidson as lightkeeper with a salary of \$360.00 per year. Capt. George Vancouver named Cape Mudge for Zachary Mudge, 1st Lieutenant of H.M.S. Discovery. Today Quadra Island is an unspoiled Tourist Paradise, where you can dig clams and oysters to your heart's content—fish for salmon in the calm protected waters of Heriot Bay or out around the many other islands. You can catch trout in the 3 lakes on the Island, hunt deer in season or just swim and laze on the many beaches.

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